(a) whether the Food Corporation of India has taken up construction of godowns in various States;

(b) if so, what is the number of godowns under construction, Statewise; and

(c) whether some approved works have been abandoned in some States and if so, the details thereof Statewise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) The number of godowns under construction by Food Corporation of India during 1993-94, is 15. The Statewise numbers are as below:

1. Himachal Pradesh .	1
2. J & K . . .	2
3. Karnataka . . .	2
4. Andhra Pradesh . .	1
5. Kerala . . .	1
6. West Bengal . .	1
7. Orissa . . .	1
8. Arunachal Pradesh .	1
9. Mizoram . . .	2
10. Madhya Pradesh . .	1
11. Maharashtra . .	1
12. Gujarat . . .	1
TOTAL .	15

(c) Information is being collected.

Sugar Licensing Polcy

142. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI GOVINDRAO RAMARAO ADIK:

Will the MINISTER OF FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Sugar Mills Association have, while criticising Government's sugar Licensing Policy, called for immediate review of the liberal incentive scheme; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRl KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes Sir. The President, Indian Sugar Mills Association at its 59th Annual General Meeting held on 20th October, 1993 observed that Government should prepone the review of the incentive scheme by the BICP rather than awaiting till March, 1994 as announced in February last.

(b) Government is not planning to prepone the review as suggested by Indian Sugar Mills Association in view of the fact that the present incentive scheme is fully justified and is available only upto 31-3-1994. Incentives to be granted after 1-4-1994 will be based on a study to be conducted by BICP.

New Sugar Factories in Maharashtra

143. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of proposals for setting up new sugar factories in Maharashtra, pending clearance with the Central Government;

(b) whether Government have taken any decision with regard to the clearance of the proposals; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) to (c) 225 proposals have been received through Department of Industrial Development for setting up of new sugar factories in Maharashtra as on 31-8-93. These applications have been scrutinised by the Screening Committee. After examination, the recommendations of the Ministry of Food will be sent to the Ministry of Industry where they would be considered by the Licensing Committee, after which letters of intent would be issued by that Ministry.

Prices of Superfine Basmati Rice

144. SHRI S. SPRJEWALA. Will the MINISTER OF FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that prices of superfine Basmati rice (Paddy) in the current